

CITY OF OXNARD
PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA

City Council Chambers
305 West Third Street
Oxnard, CA 93030

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 5:30 pm

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A person may address the Parks, recreation and Community Services Commission (PRCSC) only on matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The presiding officer shall limit public comments to three minutes. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during public comments on items not on the agenda. Such items may only be referred to the Commission Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda for discussion. Persons wishing to speak on items on the agenda should do so during public comments for that agenda item.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: Minutes of the PRCSC meeting from November 20, 2019, December 11, 2019 special meeting, and January 22, 2020 are submitted for approval.
RECOMMENDATION: PRCSC approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019, December 11, 2019, and January 22, 2020 meetings.

E. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Commission Secretary shall report on items of interest to the Commission occurring since last meeting. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

F. PARKS DIVISION REPORT

The Parks Division may report on items of interest to the Commission occurring since the last meeting. The Commission cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during this report. Such items may only be referred to the Secretary for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

1. SUBJECT: Community Center Park East CDBG Projects - Update
RECOMMENDATION: That the commission receive the update and discuss next steps.
2. SUBJECT: Wilson Park Playground CDBG Project - Update
RECOMMENDATION: That the commission receive the update and discuss next steps.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Skatepark Committee Report – Vice Chair Whitecomb
RECOMMENDATION: That the commission receive the report and discuss next steps
2. SUBJECT: Parks Regulations Report & Recommendations – Commissioner Lucero
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission discuss report and adopt recommendations.
3. SUBJECT: Restroom Committee Report & Recommendations - Chair Poirier
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission discuss report and adopt recommendations.
4. SUBJECT: Resiliency/Youth Development Presentation – Commissioner Teran
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive the report.

H. TASK FORCE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners may report or arrange for the report of Task Force and Committee activities.

I. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioners may individually report on items of interest or concern outside of sub-committee reports. The PRSC cannot enter into detailed discussion or take action on any item presented during these reports.

J. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Commissioners may request that items be placed on future agendas for extended discussion.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 305 W. Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030.

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Park Usage Regulation Committee

Recommendations to
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission
February 26, 2020

Current Oxnard Park Rules

Permit Reservation Fees: \$50

Refundable Security & Cleaning Deposit: \$50

(Deposit will be mailed 6 weeks after event date, if BBQ Area is left clean and damage-free.

Current Oxnard Park Rules

Permit Rules & Regulations:

The person to whom this permit is issued shall be responsible for the general conduct of this group and for any damages in connection with this Reservation Form.

- 1) Abide by all City and State laws.
- 2) The City of Oxnard is not responsible for accidents that may occur.
- 3) No one is permitted to charge admission, sell, solicit, or conduct any business in Oxnard parks.

Current Oxnard Park Rules

Permit Rules & Regulations (*continued*):

- 4) Vehicles are prohibited from driving or parking on Park turf or sidewalks (City Ordinance 8-25(A).
- 5) No Alcohol or amplified music (including DJ) allowed at any City parks.
- 6) Unless otherwise posted, parks are open from 7AM to dusk.

Current Oxnard Park Rules

Permit Rules & Regulations (*continued*):

- 7) All trash must be put in trash receptacles.
- 8) An additional permit and fee is required for the use of an inflatable jumper “jolly jumper” in Oxnard parks. No other equipment or apparatus is allowed without the written approval of the Parks Division. One inflatable jumper is allowed per park, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 9) Reservation can be rescheduled within a month of original reservation date (for reasons beyond our control).

Proposed Additional Oxnard Park Rules

- 1) Any group larger than 50 people shall require a permit, and pay a fee of \$200. Only designated areas within certain parks will be allowed for groups of this size.
- 2) A refundable \$50 security and cleaning deposit shall be required for reservations, and will be returned 6 weeks after the event date, if event area is left clean and damage-free.
- 3) Any group larger than 100 people shall provide their own portable toilets.

Proposed New Oxnard Park Rules

- 4) No tents shall be allowed in Oxnard parks unless approved by Parks Division.
- 5) Groups under 50 may erect no more than two open canopies, no larger than 10'x10' in any Oxnard park.
- 6) Groups under 50 may reserve picnic tables for \$100. A refundable \$50 security and cleaning deposit shall also be required, and will be returned 6 weeks after the event date, if event area is left clean and damage-free.
- 7) No areas within parks may be marked off with tape or rope or other device.

Suggestions for Parks Division

- 1) Parking next to Neighborhood Parks shall be limited to (2) (3) (4) hours while park is open.
- 2) No vehicles over 6-feet tall shall be allowed to park overnight next to a park.
- 3) Post large signs in every park with new regulations and Parks Division phone number.

Parks Restroom Committee

Recommendations to

Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission

February 26, 2020

“The condition of Oxnard’s parks, as a whole, is below standards. We witnessed this first hand and heard it from many community members. Broken equipment, overflowing trash cans, and dirty bathrooms were common complaints.

Poorly maintained parks aren’t only difficult to use but they also erode community pride and diminish stewardship. That is, the less the community feels the City is investing in their parks, the less they will invest in them as well. The result is more and more degradation. Conversely, when a park is neat and tidy, community members are more likely to go out of their way to pick up errant trash or treat the equipment with care.”

“A city’s parks and open spaces reflect its quality of life and provide a sense of civic pride.

A well-maintained park system tells its residents that they are worth investment and consideration.

For many communities, parks are the foundation of social and physical opportunity.

If parks are not maintained, a community feels abandoned; their neighborhoods feel unkempt or even dangerous.”



Del Sol Restroom –
very poor condition



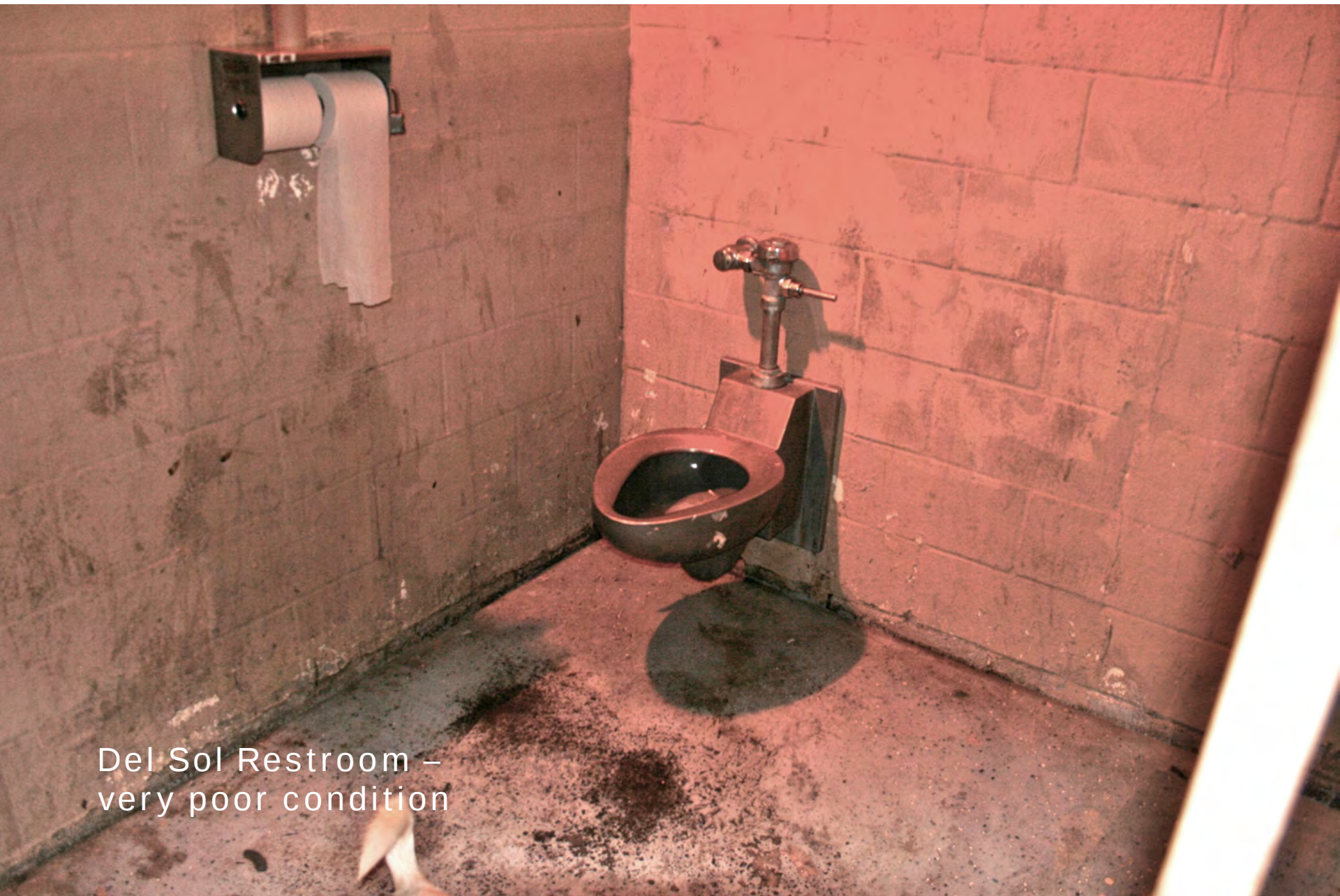
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A more typical Oxnard
park restroom.



Typical park restroom



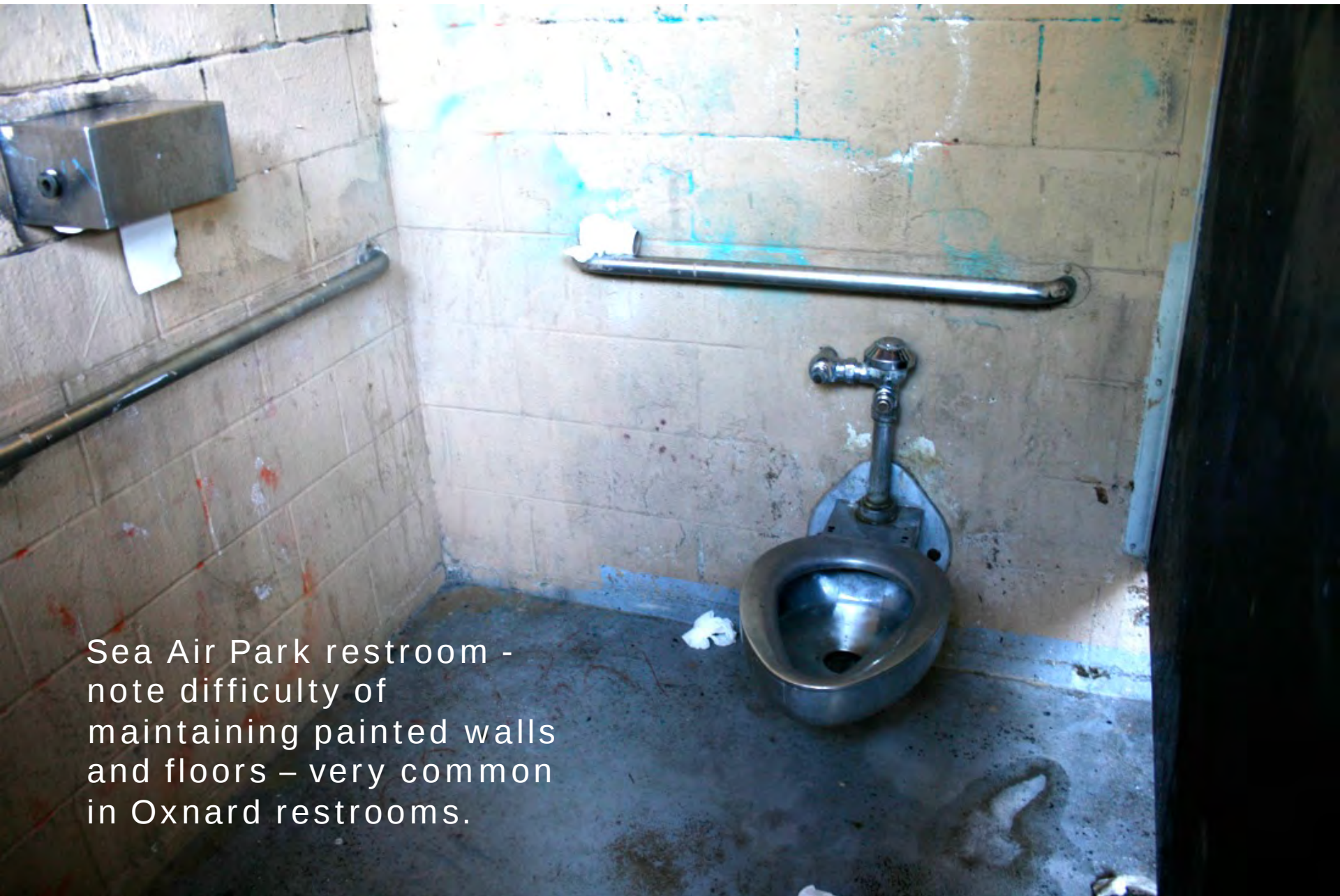
Typical park restroom



SEA AIR PARK

CITY OF OXNARD

1986



Sea Air Park restroom -
note difficulty of
maintaining painted walls
and floors – very common
in Oxnard restrooms.

A photograph of a public restroom stall. The walls are made of light-colored cinder blocks. A stainless steel sink is mounted on the wall, with a chrome faucet and a drain pipe. Above the sink is a small, rectangular mirror. To the right of the sink is a white paper towel dispenser. The floor is dark and appears to be made of concrete or a similar material. The lighting is dim, and the overall appearance is somewhat dingy and worn.

Sea Air Park restroom –
dark, dingy, hard to keep
clean – common conditions
in our park restrooms



WESTPORT

AT MANDALAY BAY



Westport Park Restroom –
newer restroom in LMD park,
better natural light, but
painted walls and floors
remain a challenge



Westport Park restroom



Westport Park restroom

THOMPSON PARK

CITY OF OXNARD

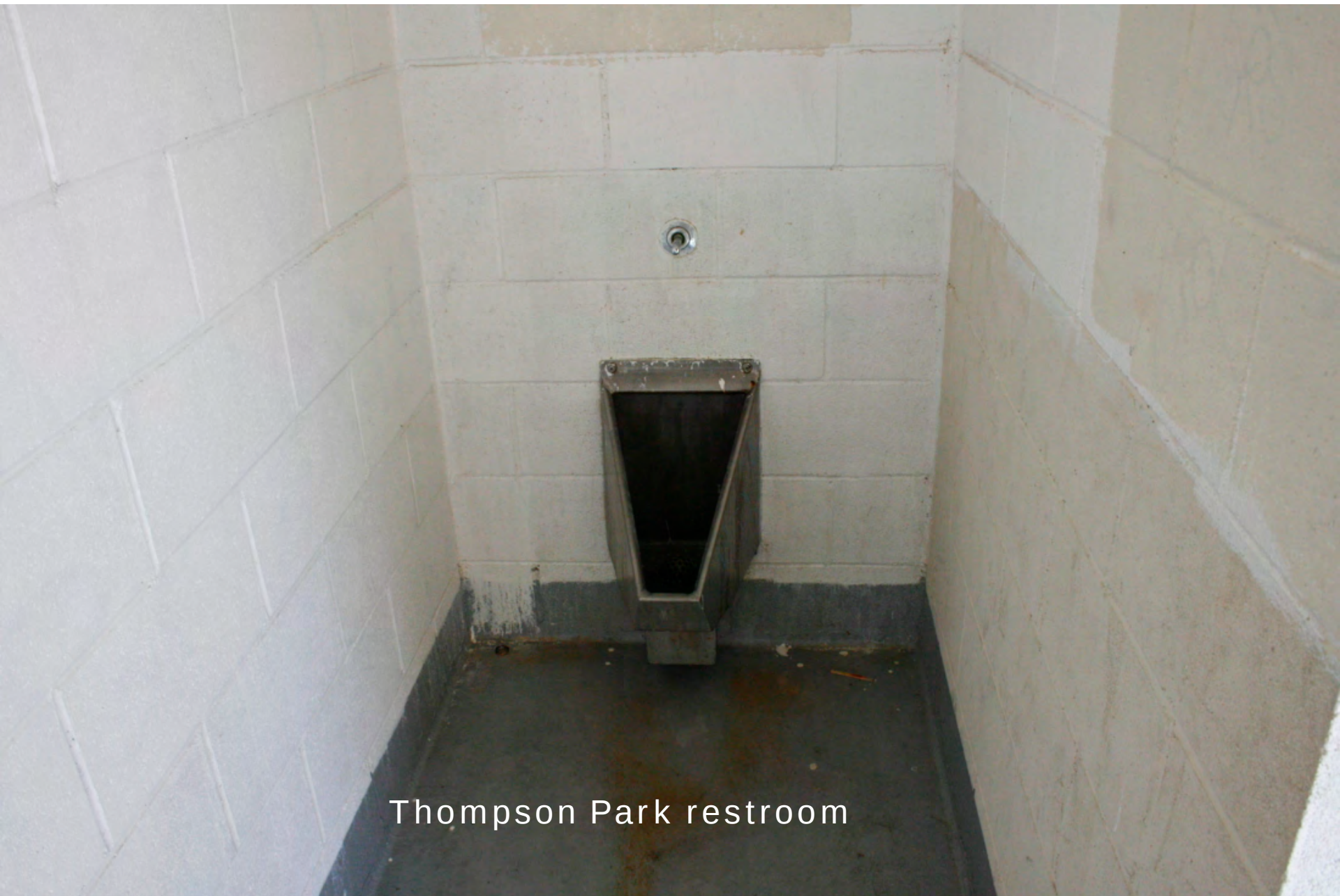
C. 1984

PARK HOURS: DAWN TO DUSK





Thompson Park restroom –
newest park restroom in Oxnard



Thompson Park restroom

Thompson Park restroom –
note that stainless steel
fixtures develop mineral
deposits – difficult to
keep clean with current
maintenance practices







Thompson Park Restroom –
this is a new toilet installed
without a toilet seat – that is
standard practice – note declining
quality of finish on a new fixture



Standard Oxnard park toilet



Guantanamo prison toilet



Guantanamo prison toilet



Standard prison toilet



Don't Oxnard residents
deserve better than
prison toilets?



Simple, inexpensive improvement



Recommendation # 1: Put toilet seats on all park restroom toilets that don't have them.

VIA MARINA PARK

CITY OF OXNARD 1981



Via Marina Park restroom
is falling apart.



But its porcelain fixtures
look great!



Porcelain fixtures and tile surfaces
are easier to clean and look much
better over time.





SEA VIEW PARK

CITY OF OXNARD

1983





Porcelain toilets are less vandal-proof than stainless steel, but can be 25% of the initial cost.



In Oxnard, porcelain toilets average 1 replacement every 5 years due to vandalism. This seems well worth it for the superior user experience.





Many older Oxnard parks
still have porcelain fixtures
which look great.



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Santa Monica's Clover Park restrooms,
similar to Oxnard restroom style.



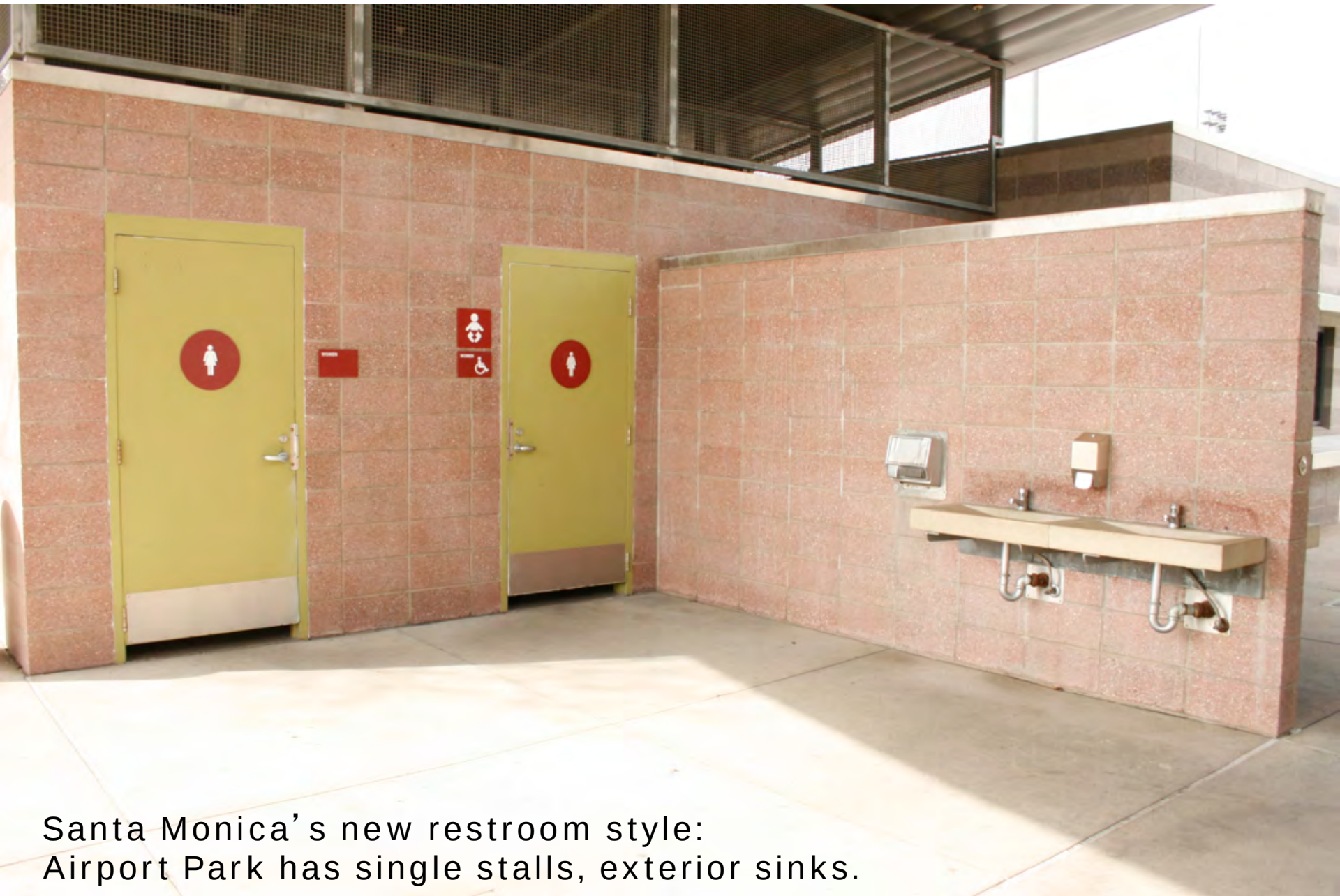


Clover Park restrooms show clean porcelain fixtures, grubby painted surfaces.



PLEASE DO NOT:

- Smoke in the restrooms or in the yard
- Consume alcohol or illegal drugs in restrooms or in the yard
- Deface or soil facilities or equipment
- Use restrooms for bathing, hair cutting, shaving, or washing clothes
- Bring large objects into restrooms such as bicycles, skis, surfboards, etc. Large objects or bottles exceeding 16" x 16" are prohibited. Exceptions necessary to transport persons are permitted.
- Sleep or eat in restrooms
- Light or use fires in restrooms or in the yard
- Remove paper towels and toilet paper
- Have unattended items in public areas around the building



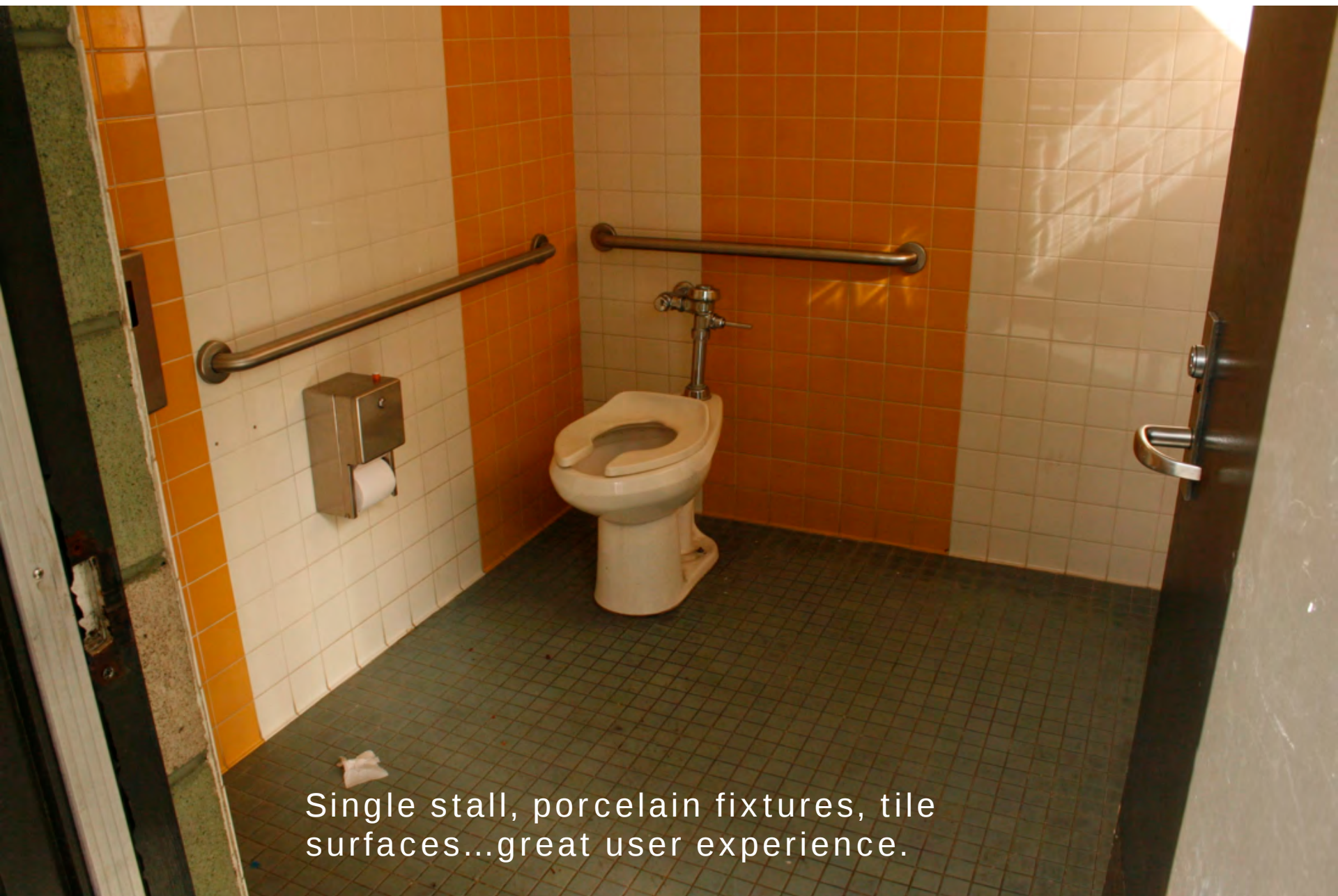
Santa Monica's new restroom style:
Airport Park has single stalls, exterior sinks.



Exterior shallow sinks are difficult to wash clothes in, which is a design-driven vagrancy mitigation strategy.



Single stall, porcelain fixtures, tile surfaces...great user experience.



Single stall, porcelain fixtures, tile surfaces...great user experience.

Santa Monica's
Virginia Ave Park,
porcelain fixtures,
tile surfaces,
attractive design
elements.





Santa Monica's
Virginia Ave Park



Recommendation # 2: Use porcelain fixtures and tile walls and floors for future restrooms.



Santa Barbara's
Alameda Park



Note architectural
design elements.



Porcelain & tile.



Porcelain & tile.

Highway 5 South
restroom near
Oceanside.





Note architecture
and design elements.



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Even a highway rest stop restroom
can make a positive aesthetic
statement.



COMMUNITY CENTER PARK

CITY OF OXNARD

C. 1967

Oxnard parks get tagged
on a regular basis.



Taggers can spray paint any surface.







Natural rough block cannot
be color-matched.



There will always be
evidence of vandalism.







This seems to be the only way
rough block walls can
successfully resist graffiti.





Recommendation # 3: Plant climbing vines around park restrooms with rough block walls.



Restrooms with smooth painted exterior walls will get tagged, but will be easy to successfully paint over.



Recommendation #4: Future park restroom walls should be smooth and easy to paint.



Smooth exterior walls are also great for public art.



Good public art will also resist vandalism.









Public art is also great for civic engagement.





This kind of civic engagement builds a sense of community investment in public space.





And kids like it.



Recommendation # 5: Future park restroom walls could be used for public art.



Park restrooms can be beautiful.

Park restrooms can make
a bold statement.





Park restrooms can make
a playful statement.

Interesting design is not necessarily more expensive than boring design.





Santa Monica is going to replace
its Clover Park restrooms.



Public buildings belong to the public and the public has direct experience in using their facilities.



Santa Monica invited the public to help design their new restrooms, using on-site workshops and web surveys.

SANTA MONICA PARKS + BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

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Clover Park Restroom Replacement Project

The restrooms in Clover Park will remain closed until construction is completed in the fall. Temporary restrooms will continue to be provided until this improvement project is complete. Thank you for your patience.

Construction information: Sebastian Felbeck, Senior Construction Manager - (424) 434-2675 or sebastian.felbeck@smgov.net

Questions/concerns: Community & Cultural Services office - (310) 458-8310 or CCS@smgov.net



<http://www.santamonicaparks.org/clover-park>



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Recommendation # 6: Let's workshop the design for future park restrooms.

PRCSC Recommendations:

- 1) Put toilet seats on all park restroom toilets that don't have them.**
- 2) Use porcelain fixtures, tile walls, and tile floors for future restrooms. (Note: including urinals will help keep toilet seats clean, particularly with all-gender stalls.)**
- 3) Plant climbing vines around park restrooms with rough block walls.**
- 4) Future park restroom walls should be smooth and easy to paint.**
- 5) Future park restroom exterior walls could be used for public art.**
- 6) Engage the public to workshop the design for future park restrooms.**
- 7) Challenge architects to do their best work to make our public buildings beautiful.**